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Antilles Regulatory Section

May 8, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

Permit Application No. SAJ-2009-993(IP-CGR)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: This District has received an application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1344) and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. §403) as described below:

APPLICANT: Ms. Carlyle Bryan
Bryan's Marine Service, LLC
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WATERWAY & LOCATION: The proposed project is located at Gallows Bay, Christiansted, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands.

Directions to the site are as follows: SAB Hospital Street at Christiansted.

LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: Latitude 17°44'46.68" North
Longitude 64°42'3.24" West

PROJECT PURPOSE:

Basic: Private boat ramp.

Overall: To launch and pull-out boats which are stored on applicant's property.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes to place a 36 feet long by 15 feet wide pre-fabricated concrete boat ramp in waters of the United States.

Avoidance and Minimization Information: The applicant has provided the following information in support of efforts to avoid and/or minimize impacts to the aquatic environment:

The applicant stated that the existing grassy area of the onshore area will remain and will not be disturbed by the proposed project. In addition, due to the placement of pre-fabricated concrete slabs no adverse environmental impacts are expected.

Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant has provided the following explanation why compensatory mitigation should not be required: The impacts on waters would be minimal due to the placement of a pre-fabricated concrete slab and steel reinforcement anchor pins.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: Based on the Environmental Sensitivity Index Map, the shoreline at the project site is sheltered and has solid man-made structures. In addition, the applicant described the marine bottom where the pre-fabricated boat ramp will be placed as a mixture of coarse sand, rocks and small cobble stone. The applicant also states that the area has very little sea grass and does not appear to have corals.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined this proposal would have no effect on any listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT (EFH): This notice initiates consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service on EFH as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act 1996. The proposed project would impact sandy and rocky sea bottom, which may be utilized by various life stages of some of the 17 selected managed species. Based on the available information, the Corps initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or Federally managed fisheries in the Caribbean Sea. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Historic and Cultural Resources: The ESI Maps do not indicate, and the Corps is not aware, that any archaeological/historical sites are located at the project site. In consideration of the information available, including its location, nature, scope and magnitude, the Corps determines that the proposed project would not affect historic properties within the area of potential effect pursuant to Appendix C, 7.b to 33 CFR 325, and in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1).

NOTE: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified or evaluated to ensure compliance with laws and regulation governing the regulatory program.

AUTHORIZATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES: A Water Quality Certificate and a Coastal Zone Management Plan Consistency Certification for this project may be required from the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources.

Comments regarding the application should be submitted in writing to the District Engineer at the above address within 21 days from the date of this notice.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact Miss Carmen G. Román at the letterhead address, by electronic mail at carmen.g.roman@usace.army.mil, by fax at 787-729-6906, or by telephone at 787-729-6905.

The decision whether to issue or deny this permit application will be based on the information received from this public notice and the evaluation of the probable impact to the aquatic environment. This is based on an analysis of the applicant's avoidance and minimization efforts for the project, as well as the compensatory mitigation proposed, if applicable.

IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Preliminary review of this application indicates that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. Coordination with US Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Marine Fisheries Services, and other Federal, State, and local agencies, environmental groups, and concerned citizens generally yields pertinent environmental information that is instrumental in determining the impact the proposed action will have on the natural resources of the area. By means of this notice, we are soliciting comments on the potential effects of the project on threatened or endangered species or their habitat.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including cumulative impacts thereof; among these are conservation, economics, esthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historical properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the EPA Administrator, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and by the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine, Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

The Regulatory Section of the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Antilles Office is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make or deny this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and in the development of a Statement of Findings. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CONSISTENCY: In Puerto Rico, a Coastal Zone Management Consistency Concurrence is required from the Puerto Rico Planning Board. In the Virgin Islands, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources permit constitutes compliance with approved Coastal Zone Management Plan.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted in writing to the District Engineer within the designated comment period of the notice and must state the specific reasons for requesting the public hearing.


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Regulatory Division

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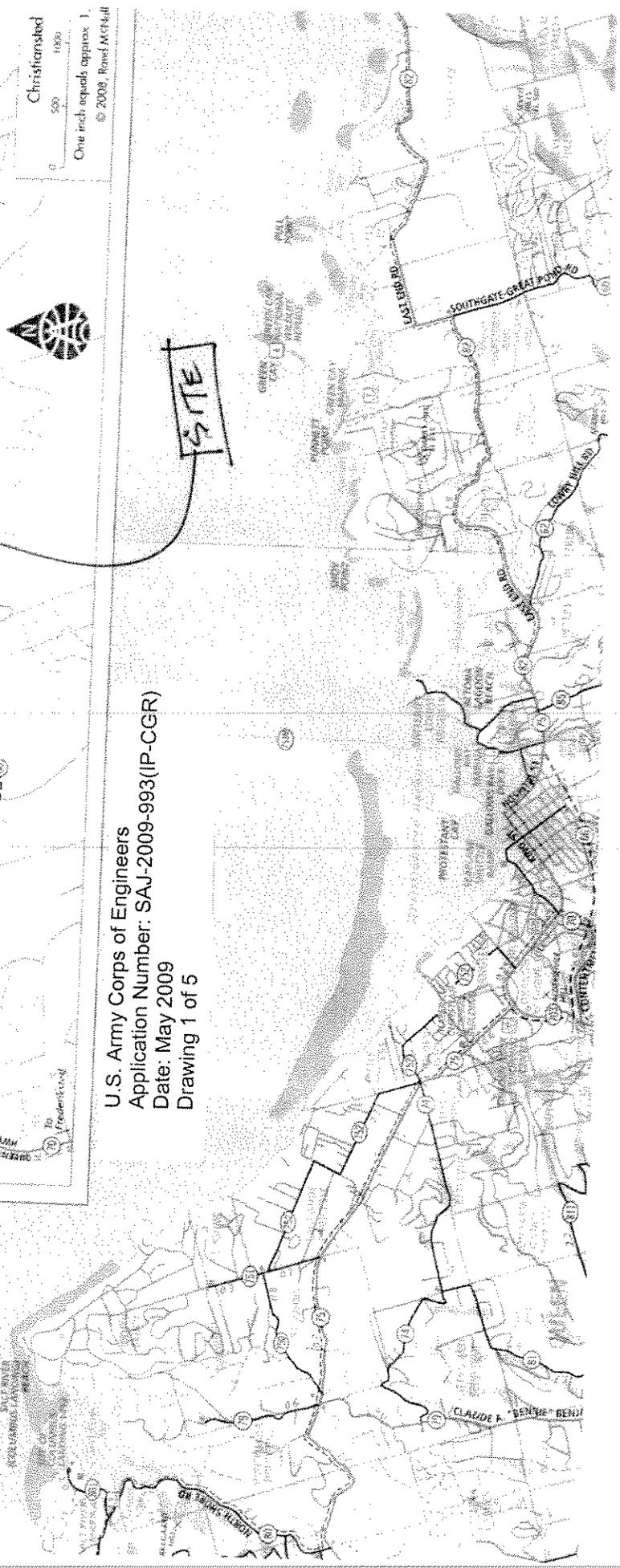
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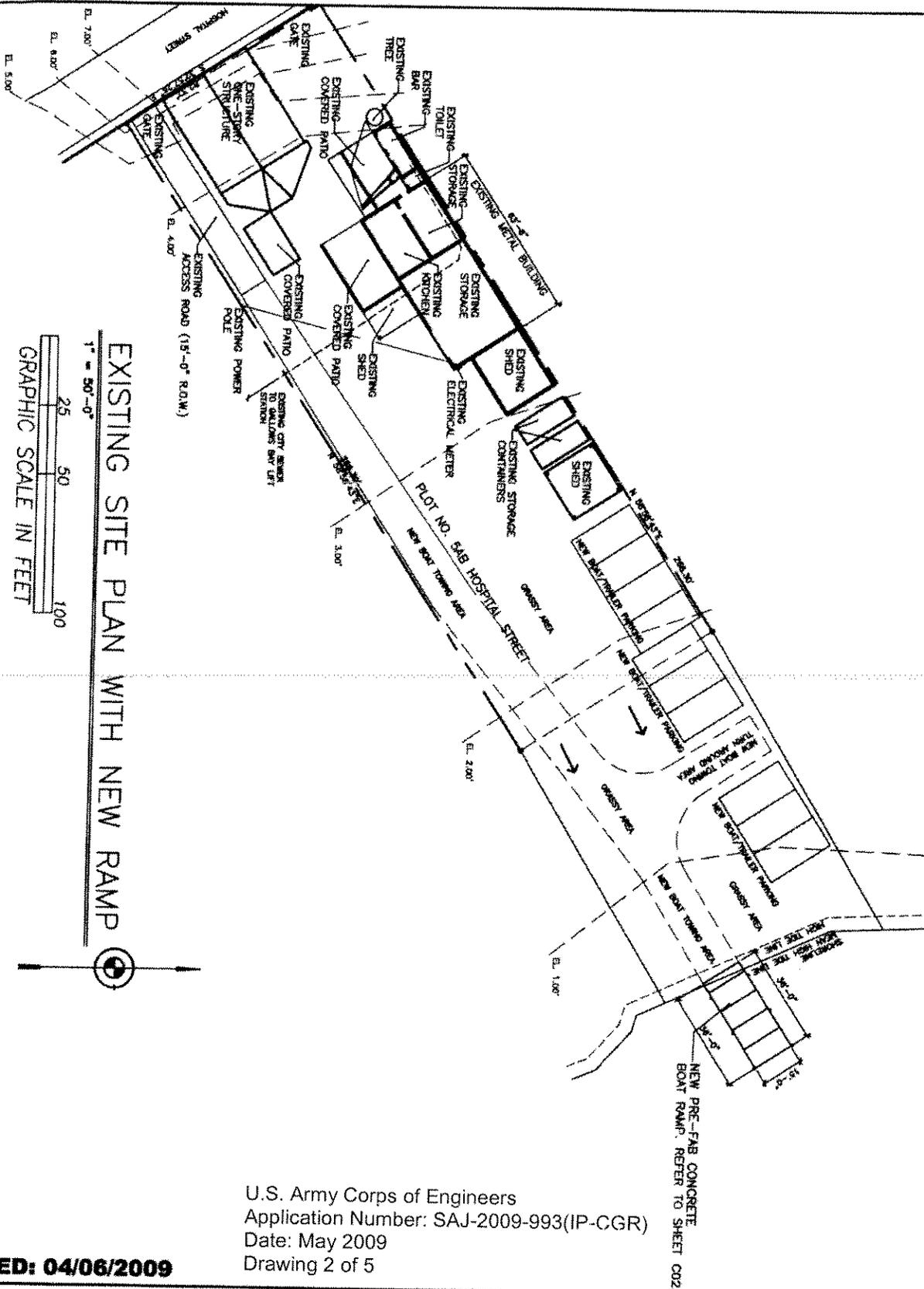


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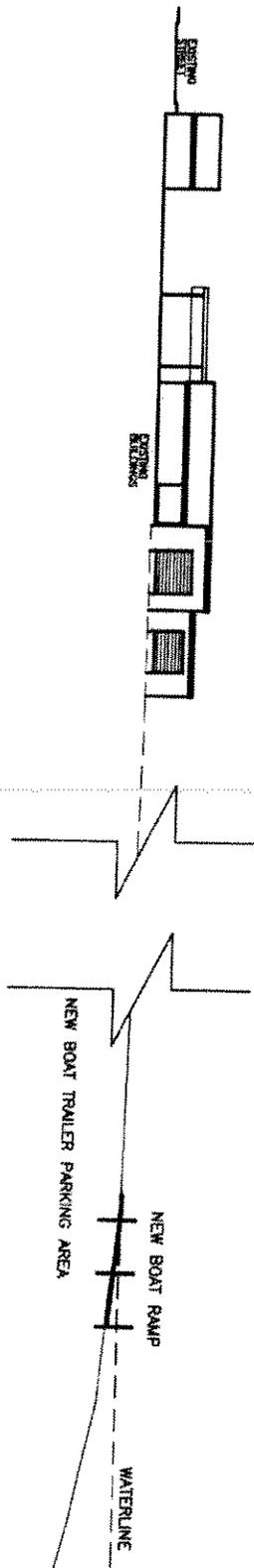
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